

**Iowa Department of Natural Resources
Natural Resource Commission**

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DECISION

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Art in Public Buildings Project– Honey Creek Resort State Park

The Natural Resource Commission's approval is requested to enter into a contract with Brad Kaspari of Minneapolis, Minnesota and Carylyn Braaksma of Denver, Colorado, in the amount of \$195,000 for the construction and installation of public art project(s) as part of the development of Honey Creek Resort State Park.

Iowa Code Section 304A.8-14 requires that 0.5% of total cost of state construction project be used for the inclusion of fine arts in state building projects. Construction projects included in the overall Phase I development of Honey Creek Resort State Park are budgeted at approximately \$39 million, which establishes a public art project budget of \$195,000.

Bruce Williams of the Iowa Arts Council formed the Public Art Committee to review the work of artists interested in being considered for the project. Liz Christiansen, Deputy Director; Angela Corio; Arnie Sohn; Jim Bruget, Project Manager from TSP, Inc.; Dave Sweet, Chairman of Regency Hotel Management; Ray Davis, RLR, Inc.; and Jessica Rowe, a private artist; reviewed slides of past public art projects completed by 54 artists or teams of artists that responded to the initial request for interest and qualifications. Ultimately, seven artists or teams of artists were short-listed and a 30-minute telephone interview with each was conducted. The Public Art Committee chose Brad Kaspari and Carylyn Braaksma, who have worked together on numerous public art projects and have background and strong interest in the "Arts and Crafts" design theme that has been adopted by project designers and approved by the Design Team for the interior of the lodge and cabins.

After a site visit on January 31, 2007 and a meeting with the Design Team on February 1, 2007 the artists are developing an art project(s) to be incorporated into the Park facilities, likely as part of the Lodge Great Room or its environs. The Public Art Committee and Design Team will provide review and oversight during this concept development and ultimately approve one or more artistic projects within the Park. Currently, the artists are working under a small contract that provides \$2,500 for design services and up to \$2,500 in travel expenses.

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